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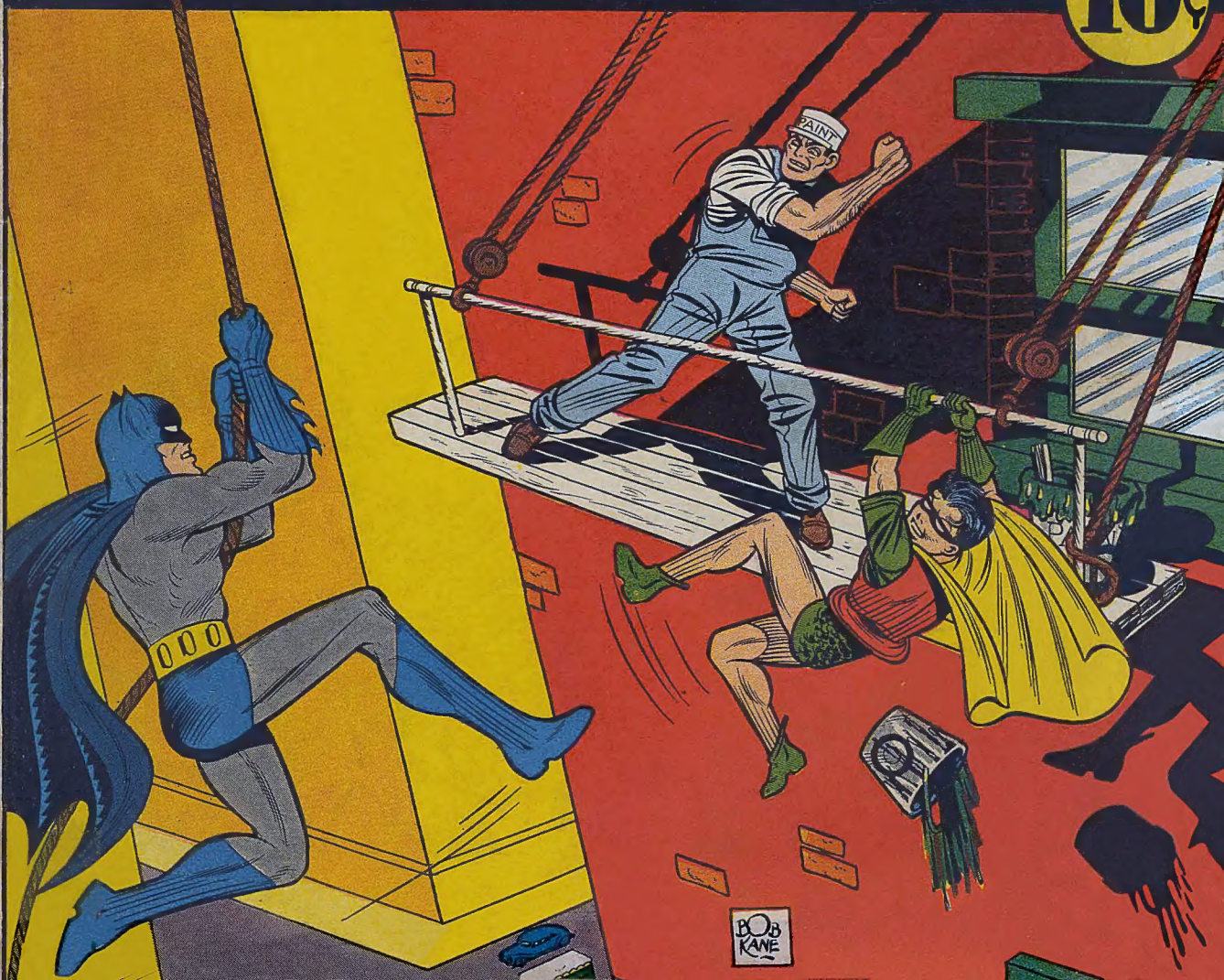
The BATMAN

Detective COMICS

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(3) Any air rifle using .22 type shot may be used.

(4) Contestants may be of any age up to and including 14 years, at start of Contest, May 1, 1941, and must be residents of the Continental United States.

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consecutively, one after the other, in 20 minutes.

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BAT MAN

WITH
Robin
-THE BOY WONDER-

GLITTERING, IRRESISTIBLE--THAT VAST MARKET WHICH IS GOTHAM CITY, DRAWS TO ITSELF AN ARMY OF MILLIONS YEARLY FROM EVERY TOWN AND VILLAGE IN AMERICA. THERE IS NO WITHSTANDING ITS LURE---FOR HERE IS A CITY WHERE YOU MAY TOUCH THE CLOUDS ATOP SOME TOWERING SKY-SCRAPER--OR GO DOWN DEEP IN THE EARTH TO RIDE ABOARD ITS ROARING SUBWAY TRAINS. TO GOTHAM CITY THEY COME--TO CARVE THEIR NAMES IN FOOT-HIGH LETTERS ON THE FAMOUS SIDEWALKS. SOME SUCCEED--SOME FAIL. SOME LEAVE--SOME STAY. SOME CURSE THE CITY, OTHERS LOVE IT. BUT EVERY ONE OF THEM HAS SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT GOTHAM CITY---FOR NO ONE MAY IGNORE THIS GIGANTIC, HUMAN ANT-HEAP. THIS STORY IS WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE CITY. PERHAPS YOU WILL AGREE WITH US---

by
BOB KANE



BRUCE WAYNE, SOCIETY PLAYBOY, CHATS WITH A FRIEND, JIM DALY--

YES, BRUCE--THE CITY IS A COLD AND HEARTLESS PLACE. EVERYBODY RUSHES ABOUT, NOT CARING AT ALL ABOUT ANYBODY ELSE.

I THINK YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT THAT, JIM---AND I WISH THERE WERE SOME WAY I COULD PROVE IT--BUT I GUESS THE CITY ITSELF WILL PROVE IT TO YOU SOME DAY.

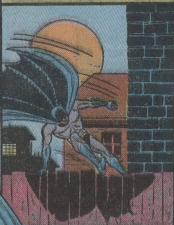


NIGHT COVERS THE CITY'S WEARY INHABITANTS WITH A BLANKET OF DARKNESS...BUT FOR BRUCE WAYNE, HIS DAY IS JUST BEGINNING....



...FOR HE, IN REALITY, IS THAT PERSONALITY KNOWN AS THE EYES OF NIGHT.....THE BATMAN?

OUT IN THE NIGHT RACES THE FIGURE OF THE BATMAN...THE WAITING DARKNESS SWALLOWS HIM?

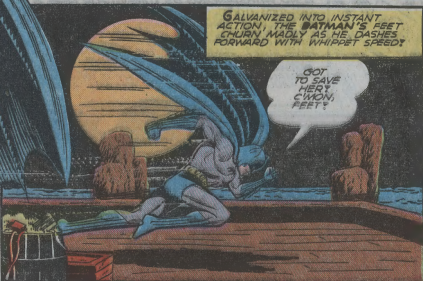


HE PATROLS HIS FAVORITE HAUNT... THE WATERFRONT. SUDDENLY, HE SEES....

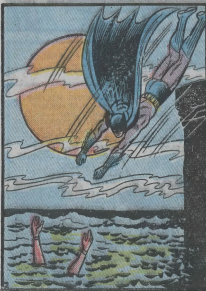


THAT GIRL-- TRYING TO COMMIT SUICIDE?

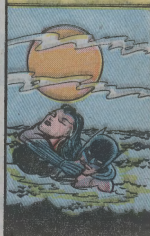
GALVANIZED INTO INSTANT ACTION, THE BATMAN'S FEET THURN MADLY AS HE DASHES FORWARD WITH WHIPPET SPEED!

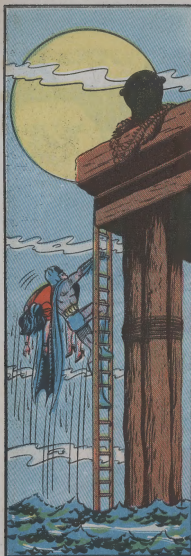


GOT TO SAVE HER! CIVIL FEET!



FIRMLY GRIPPING THE WOULD-BE SUICIDE, HE SWIMS TO THE PIER.





WHY DIDN'T YOU LET ME DIE?

MUST BE A VERY SPECIAL REASON FOR YOU TO WANT TO DUNK YOURSELF IN THE RIVER... WHY NOT TELL ME ABOUT IT?



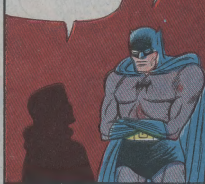
CALMED BY THE BATMAN'S MASTERFUL MANNER, THE GIRL TELLS HER STORY--REVEALS HER NAME IS VIOLA VANE--- THAT SHE'S FROM A SMALL TOWN.

I'M AN ACTRESS. I THOUGHT I'D COME HERE AND SET THE TOWN AFIRE WITH MY ACTING. I DIDN'T MAKE ENOUGH FIRE TO LIGHT A CANDLE. ALL I AM NOW IS AN UNDERSTUDY TO A STAR!



MY MOTHER AND DAD DON'T KNOW THAT. I-I KEPT SENDING THEM LETTERS SAYING I WAS A GREAT STAGE STAR AND THEY BELIEVED ME!

THAT'S NO REASON TO COMMIT SUICIDE -



I RECEIVED A TELEGRAM THIS MORNING. MOTHER AND DAD ARE ALREADY ON THEIR WAY HERE--- GOING TO PAY ME A VISIT FOR A FEW DAYS!

OH---AND YOU'RE ASHAMED TO FACE THEM BECAUSE THEY'RE SURE TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH. HMM, YOU'RE QV A SPOT?



IT WOULD BREAK THEIR HEARTS I CAN'T FACE THEM. I JUST CAN'T!

PERHAPS IT ISN'T AS BAD AS ALL THAT...



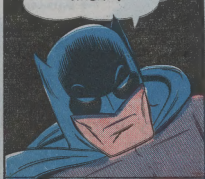
NOW---IF YOU ALL GIVE ME YOUR WORD YOU WON'T TRY ANY MORE BATHS IN THE RIVER, I MAY HELP YOU. PROMISE!

I PROMISE-- BUT I DON'T POSSIBLY SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP ME--



AFTER THE GIRL HAS GONE--

THIS IS MY CHANCE TO HELP THAT POOR KID AND ALSO PROVE TO JIM DALY THAT THE CITY DOES HAVE A HEART! I HOPE I'M NOT WRONG!



LATER IN THE NIGHTCLUB---

AND NOW A
LITTLE SURPRISE,
CUSTOMERS. WE
PRESENT FOR
THE FIRST
TIME---

THANKS
FOR THE
INTRODUCTION!
I REALLY
DIDN'T
EXPECT IT!

LOOK!
THE BATMAN!

DON'T TELL
ME HE'S
PART OF
THE SHOW.

THE BATMAN QUICKLY QUIETS THE
PEOPLE AND TELLS THEM OF VIOLA
VANE'S PROBLEM.

I'VE OUTLINED
MY PLAN. NOW
WHAT SAY TO
SHOWING THAT
WE PEOPLE
ARE NOT TOO
SO PHISTICATED
TO APPRECIATE
A LITTLE HUMAN
INTEREST?

SURE!

WERE
WITH
YOU!

THE GIRL
WILL NEED
AN ESCORT...
SOMEONE
HANDSOME,
WEALTHY, AND
GOOD-NATURED
ENOUGH TO
PLAY ALONG
WITH OUR
PLAN.

I KNOW
JUST THE
FELLOW!
HE'S A BIT
LAZY, BUT
WEALTHY
AND GOOD
LOOKING.

HIS NAME
IS BRUCE
WAYNE!

GULP-
THAT'S
ME!

THIS
BRUCE
WAYNE
FELLOW WILL
BE PERFECT!

HMM? IF I
DO ESCORT
HER ABOUT
I CAN KEEP
AN EYE ON
HER IN PLACES
I COULDN'T
BE SEEN AS
THE BATMAN!

ALL RIGHT!
I'LL HUNT UP
THIS BRUCE
WAYNE FELLOW
MEANWHILE--
SPREAD THE
WORD ABOUT--
LET
EVERYONE
KNOW ABOUT
THE PLAN!

THE BATMAN GOES FROM
NIGHTSPOT TO NIGHTSPOT
TELLING EVERYONE OF VIOLA
VANE. THEN HE CALLS
ON THE RADIO NETWORKS.

THE WHOLE
TOWN WILL
SOON KNOW
ABOUT IT. BUT
IF YOU BROAD-
CAST IT ON
THE RADIO,
THE GIRL'S
PARENTS MIGHT
HEAR IT
AND...

I UNDER-
STAND YOU
MAY BE
ASSURED
WE WILL
NOT BROAD-
CAST ANY-
THING PER-
TAINING TO
THE GIRL

THE BATMAN VISITS THE
NEWSPAPERS---

NOW IF
YOU SHOULD
WRITE THE
STORY IN THE
PAPERS, THE
GIRL'S PARENTS
MIGHT READ IT
AND--YOU CAN
GUESS THE
REST!

MACK, IF
ANY REPORTER
BRINGS IN
THE STORY
ABOUT VIOLA
VANE, KILL
IT. THIS
IS ONE STORY
WE'RE NOT
PRINTING!

RIGHT,
MR. ROBINSON

OUT OF COURSE, THERE IS ALWAYS ONE PERSON WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND. IN THE OFFICE OF THE **DAILY STAR**...

WHAT DO I CARE IF SOME-BODY GETS HURT. I'LL DO WHAT I WANT! NOW GET OUT-- GET OUT!

NASTY FELLOW, AREN'T YOU?



THE **BATMAN**'S HAND MOVES WITH ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE SPEED--

SORRY! I'M ALLEROK TO GUNS!



LISTEN, LITTLE MAN--IF YOUR ROTTEN YELLOW SCANDAL SHEET PRINTS A LINE OF THAT STORY, I'LL TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN YOUR PAST HISTORY--



I WARN YOU! PRINT A LINE AND I'LL EXAMINE YOUR PAPER AND YOUR PAST--AND I'LL BET I COME UP WITH ENOUGH FACTS FOR A SENATE INVESTIGATION!

HEH-HEH! I-I WAS ONLY FOOLING-- HEH-HEH! I'LL BE GLAD TO COOPERATE WITH YOU. BE ONLY TOO GLAD TO!



AS THE NEWS SPREADS AROUND TOWN, THE **BATMAN** CALLS UPON VIOLA VANE--AS BRUCE WAYNE!

BUT MR WAYNE, I-I DON'T UNDER- STAND!

THE NAME IS BRUCE--AND THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND. THE **BATMAN** TOLD ME WHAT YOU'RE TO DO! NOW PUT ON YOUR BONNET AND LET'S TODDLE ALONG!



IN A BEAUTY PARLOR--

THIS IS VIOLA VANE. GIVE HER THE WORKS!

AH, MISS VANE WE'VE HEARD ALL ABOUT YOU. COME THIS WAY, PLEASE!

YOU-- YOU HEARD ALL ABOUT ME?



LATER---SHE IS TAKEN TO THE PENTHOUSE SUITE OF A FAMOUS HOTEL!

THE KEYS TO YOUR SUITE, MISS VANE!

YOUR FROCKS, MISS VANE!

YOUR FURS FROM KNOX FURRIERS, MISS VANE!

YOUR JEWELRY FROM MARTIERS, MISS VANE!



AFTER THEY HAVE GONE, BRUCE EXPLAINS--

YOU SEE, THIS **BATMAN** CHAP HAS BEEN SCOUTING AROUND TOWN TELLING EVERYBODY ABOUT YOU--SO-O EVERYBODY IS CONTRIBUTING TO YOUR CAUSE. YOU'LL BE A STAR--AT LEAST WHILE YOUR PARENTS ARE HERE! HEY--WHAT ARE YOU BAWLING ABOUT?

EVERYONE HAS BEEN SO NICE TO ME! I'M SO HA-P-PY!



THE NEXT DAY, VIOLA VANE'S PARENTS ARRIVE ---- AND AFTER A JOYOUS WELCOME ---

MY! THOSE CLOTHES ARE REAL NICE. THEY MUST HAVE COST YOU A PRETTY PENNY!

ER--WELL, MISS VANE... VIOLA IS A BIG STAR AND MUST DRESS THE PART OR HER PUBLICO WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED!

A STAR--- ALWAYS KNEW MY VIOLA WOULD BE A STAR SOME DAY!



LET'S NOT WASTE TIME. I WANT TO SHOW YOU EVERYTHING THERE IS TO SEE IN GOTHAM CITY.

ALWAYS DID WANT TO GO TO THE TOP OF THE STATE BUILDING? IS IT REALLY 102 STORIES HIGH?

AND I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF SHOPPING IN A FIFTH AVENUE STORE.



THAT EVENING, AFTER A SWIFT, AND EXCITING TOUR OF THE TOWN, THEY TAKE THE OLD COUPLE TO A NIGHTCLUB.

SO THIS IS A NIGHTCLUB? GOSH-- WELL, I'LL TELL THE BOYS BACK HOME.

IT'S JUST LIKE THE PICTURES I'VE SEEN OF THEM IN THE MOVIES!



SUDDENLY, A SPOTLIGHT SHIFTS TO THEIR TABLE----

---AND WE ARE PARTICULARLY FORTUNATE TO HAVE WITH US THE GREAT DRAMATIC ACTRESS, VIOLA VANE, WHO IS HERE WITH HER PARENTS!

VIOLA--- LOOK--- THEY'RE APPLAUDING YOU!

YOU MUST BE A VERY POPULAR ACTRESS!



--AND AS FOR THE APPLAUDERS---

LET'S MAKE IT LOOK GOOD FOR THE OLD FOLKS!

THE BATMAN CERTAINLY MUST BE REGULARLY THINKING UP AN IDEA LIKE THIS.

STOP TALKING-- AND APPLAUD!



THE STORY OF VIOLA VANE HAS TRAVELED BY WORD OF MOUTH AROUND THE CITY AND THE PEOPLE EAGERLY JOIN IN THE NOBLE DECEPTION. NIGHTSPOT AFTER NIGHTSPOT APPLAUDS THE "STAR" AND HER PARENTS---



LATER... AFTER THEY REACH THE PENTHOUSE "HOME"---

WELL, GOOD NIGHT, SON. WE SURE DID HAVE A FINE TIME!

MR. WAYNE IS AN EXCEPTIONAL ESCORT. ISN'T HE, VIOLA?

HE CERTAINLY IS, (YOU DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT!)



UPON REACHING HOME, BRUCE WAYNE DISCARDS HIS PLAYBOY CLOTHES FOR THAT OF...THE BATMAN!

BETTER RELIEVE ROBIN.... LEFT HIM GUARDING THOSE SENT BY KNOX AND MARTIERS. CAN'T LEAVE THEM LYING AROUND LOOSE!



THE BATMAN HAS GOOD CAUSE TO WORRY, FOR AT THAT VERY MOMENT-----

GET THE SETUP BOYS? THIS VIOLA VANE DAME HAS SOME FURS AND JEWELRY GIVEN HER TO USE WHILE HER OLD FOLKS ARE HERE?

YEAH... AN' WE GO UP TO DE PENTHOUSE AND TAKE THE SET-UP!

DAT PENTHOUSE OUGHTA BE A CINCH WITH DAT OTHER CONSTRUCTION JOBS BEIN' PUT UP NEAR IT?

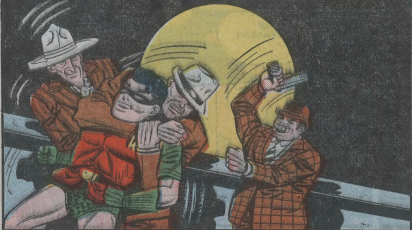
2 DE BATMAN THOUGHT UP THE IDEA SOO DIS VIANE DAME'S ACT, EH, TOOTHY?

YEAH--AND AFTER WE TAKE THE STUFF, HE'LL HAVE TA TAKE THE BLAME FOR THE ROBBERY, TOO? HAWHAW?

MAYBE DE COFS WILL THINK HE PULLED DIS JOB HIMSELF? AINT DAT A LAUGH? HAW!

3 A SHORT TIME AFTER--- UNKNOWN TO VIOLA VANE, ROBIN SECRETLY PATROLS THE PENTHOUSE WALK.

4 BUT SOMETHING DOES HAPPEN----- AND FAST!



I DON'T KNOW WHY THE BATMAN TOLD ME TO KEEP WATCH AROUND HERE GOSH, NOTHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN--

5 THE GUNBUTT AND BLACK-NESS SWOOP DOWN ON ROBIN!

THERE-- THAT SHOULD HOLD YOU!

SAY--- THAT'S THE ROBIN KID THAT HELPS THE BATMAN! BETTER LET ME PLUG 'IM, TOOTHY.

YEAH-- AND BRING EVERY COP IN THE CITY UP HERE! C'MON-- LET'S GET THE STUFF AND SCRAM!

1 MOMENTS PASS. THE CURTAIN OF DARKNESS LIFTS FROM ROBIN'S EYES. A COWLED FIGURE SHAKES HIM...THE BATMAN!

ROBIN? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? WHAT HAPPENED?

FEELS LIKE THE BUILDING FELL ON ME-- WHA-- BATMAN--THREE GUYS--- ONE CLUBBED ME---

THE BATMAN SWIFTLY
DARTS INTO THE
PENTHOUSE BUILDING---

THIEVES--
THEY
STOLE THE
FURS AND
THE
JEWELS---

I WAS
AFRAID
OF THAT!
DO YOUR
MOTHER AND
DAD KNOW
ABOUT IT!

NO---
THEY'RE
IN THE
NEXT ROOM.
YOU'D BETTER
CALL THE
POLICE!
MAYBE THEY
CAN STILL
CATCH
THE THIEVES!

NO--- THAT
WOULD MEAN
PUBLICITY--
EXPOSURE
FOR YOU!
ROBIN AND
I WILL
HANDLE THIS
IN OUR QUIET
WAY!

ROBIN AND BATMAN HOLD
A 'COUNCIL OF WAR'.

I GOT A GOOD
LOOK AT THE
FELLOW WHO CLOUTED
ME. BOY, DID HE
HAVE A MOUTHFUL
OF TEETH!

TEETH,
EH?
THERE'S
ONLY ONE
FELLOW WHO
ANSWERS THAT
DESCRIPTION--
TOOTHY HARE--
C'MON, WE'RE
GOING TO WORK.

MOMENTS LATER FIND THE
DYNAMIC DUO CLAMBERING UP THE
ROOFTOP OF A ONE STORY BUILDING--

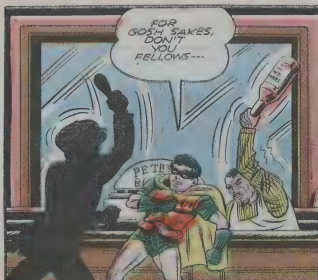
THEY PLUNGE THROUGH
THE SKYLIGHT AND DROP
INTO A HANGOUT, NOTED
FOR ITS CRIMINAL
ELEMENT--

HOLD IT!
I WANT
TO TALK
TO
YOU!

THE
BATMAN!

TAKE
IT
EASY!

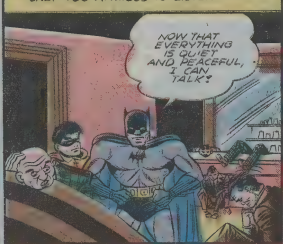
I DIDN'T
COME HERE
TO START
A FIGHT!



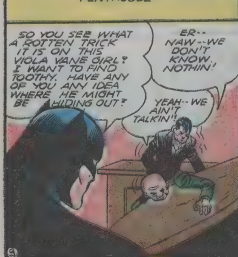
THE BATMAN FIGHTS WITH THE WILD FURY OF AN UNLEASHED TORNADO!



AFTER A FEW MOMENTS OF THE BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE CRIMINALS ARE ONLY TOO ANXIOUS TO LISTEN-



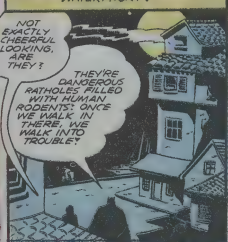
THE BATMAN TELLS OF TOOTHY'S LOOTING OF THE VIOLA VANE PENTHOUSE--



SEEING HE CAN'T SECURE ANY INFORMATION, THE BATMAN LEAVES. AS HE DOES SO A FUGITIVE FIGURE SIDLES UP TO HIM--



THE SHACKS? A CROOKED ROW OF WEATHER-BEATEN OLD HOUSES THAT SERVE AS A CRIMINAL HIDEOUT ON THE EDGE OF THE WATERFRONT?




TREADING ON CATFEET, THEY APPROACH...THE DOOR YAWNS OPEN AT THE BATMAN'S TOUCH...AND BEDLAM STARTS!

HUN? THE BATMAN!

THE BATMAN CHARGES UP THE STAIRS
LIKE A FOOTBALL TACKLER!

QUIET,
YOU
MONKEYS.

3 *THE BATMAN? THE WHOLE HOUSE COMES TO LIFE AS THAT DREADED NAME SWEEPS THROUGH THE HALLS LIKE A PRAIRIE FIRE!*



THE BATMAN IS HERE?

THE BATMAN?

4 FIGURES HURTLE AT THEM, BUT THE BATMAN AND ROBIN TWIST ASIDE, ELUDING THEM

⑤ EVERY TRICK OF THEIR CAREER IS BROUGHT INTO PLAY AS THE BATMAN AND ROBIN BATTLE THEIR WAY FORWARD!



UP AND AT 'EM, ROBIN!

BATMAN, WE CAN'T KEEP THEM OFF FOREVER!

YOU'RE RIGHT! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT SITUATION!

THE BATMAN EXTRACTS A GLASS VIAL FROM HIS UTILITY BELT----AND HURLS IT AT THE THUGS MASSED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRS?

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MASSSED AT THE
BOTTOM OF THE STAIRS!

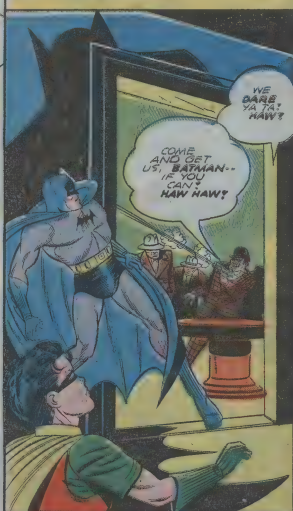
① THE GLASS PELLET SHATTERS WITH A LOUD POP! A SLEEPING GAS ROLLS LIKE A FOG OVER THE THUGS.



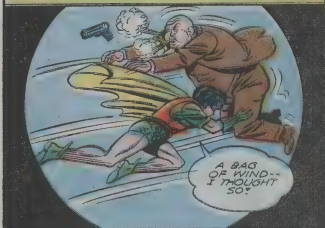
② A SECOND LATER, THE HOODLUMS LIE UNCONSCIOUS ON THE FLOOR!



③ THE BATMAN PUSHES THE DOOR OPEN. HE AND ROBIN FLING THEMSELVES TO THE SIDE AS BULLETS BLAST PAST THEM!



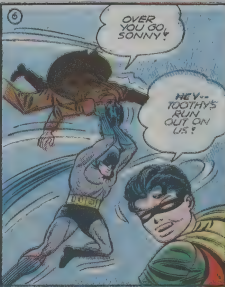
④ WITH THE SWIFTNESS OF CHAIN-LIGHTNING, THE BOY WONDER CHARGES INTO THE ROOM!

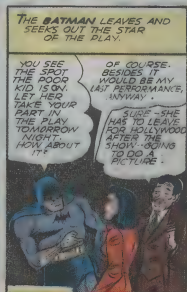
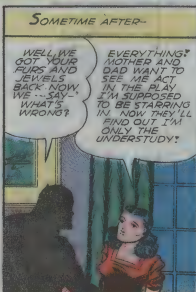
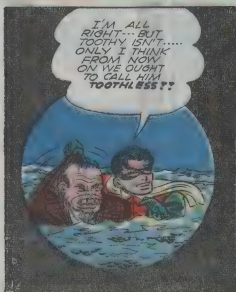
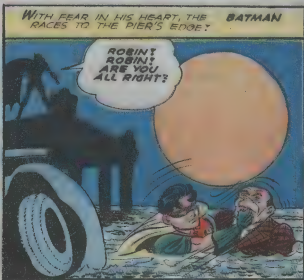
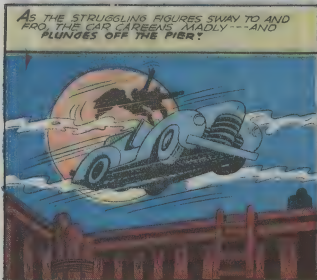


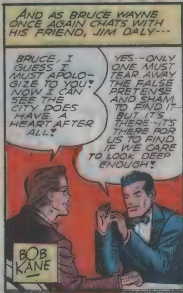
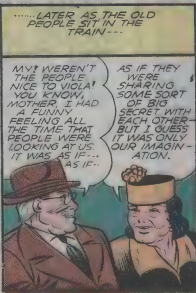
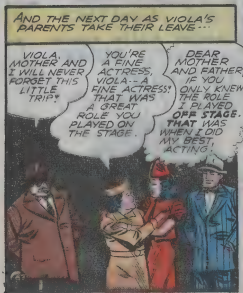
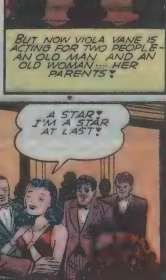
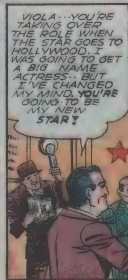
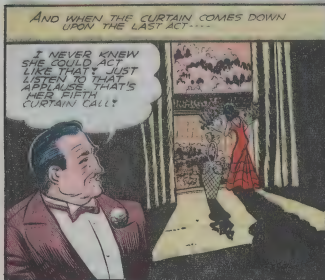
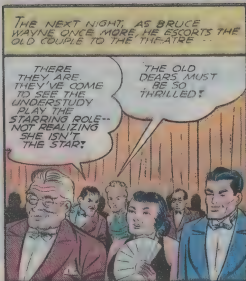
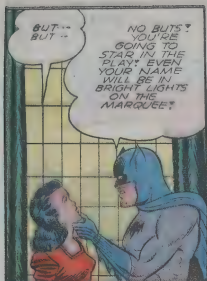
⑤ NOTHING I LIKE BETTER THAN A GOOD DARE!



⑥ HEY-- TOOTHY'S RUN OUT ON US!





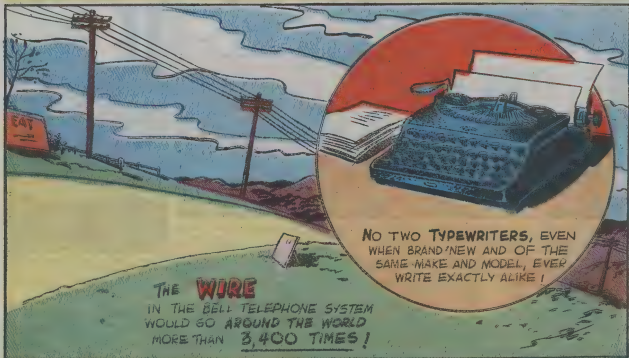


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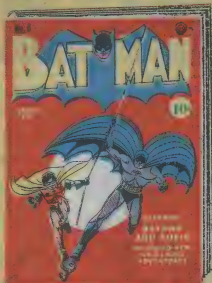
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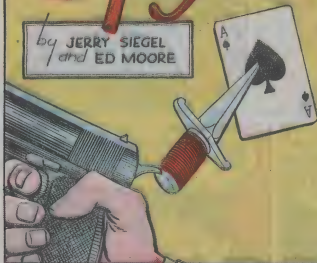
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BART REGAN, UNDERCOVER AGENT, ENTERS THE OFFICE OF HIS CHIEF—

HELLO, CHIEF—
YOU WANTED TO
SEE ME?

AH!—BART? YES, THIS IS
ARTHUR BENTON, CHIEF
OF THE NARCOTICS BUREAU
OFFICE IN NEW YORK—



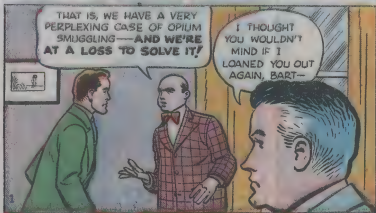
HOW DO YOU DO,
BENTON?—WHAT
CAN I DO FOR
YOU?—

WELL—I WAS TALKING
TO YOUR CHIEF AND HE
SAID YOU AREN'T BUSY
RIGHT NOW, AND I
WONDERED IF—

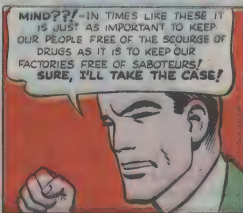


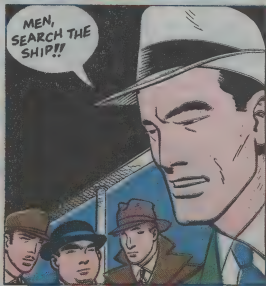
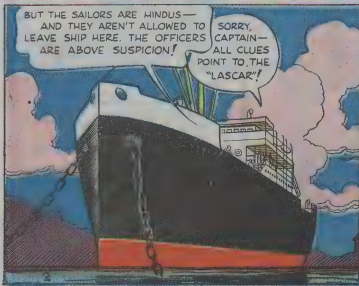
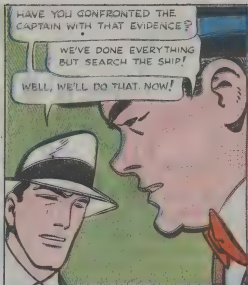
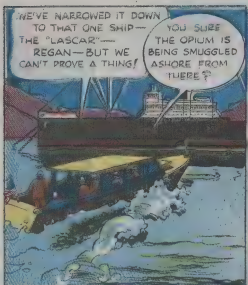
THAT IS, WE HAVE A VERY
PERPLEXING CASE OF OPIUM
SMUGGLING—AND WE'RE
AT A LOSS TO SOLVE IT!

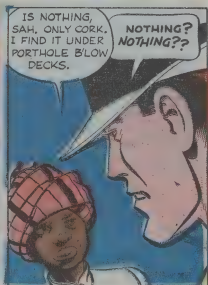
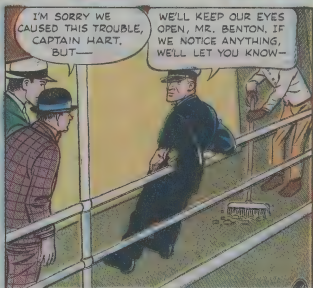
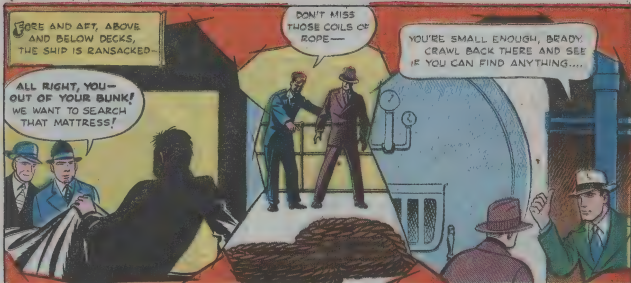
I THOUGHT
YOU WOULDN'T
MIND IF I
LOANED YOU OUT
AGAIN, BART—



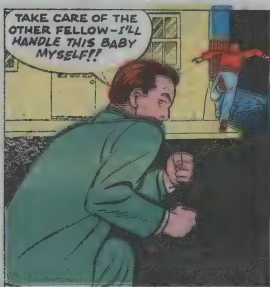
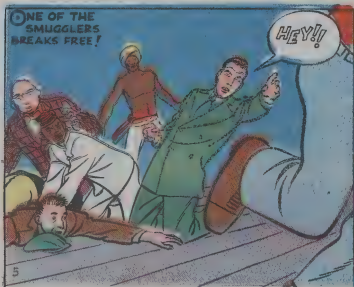
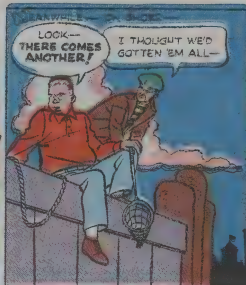
MIND???—IN TIMES LIKE THESE IT
IS JUST AS IMPORTANT TO KEEP
OUR PEOPLE FREE OF THE SCOURGE OF
DRUGS AS IT IS TO KEEP OUR
FACORIES FREE OF SABOTEURS!
SURE, I'LL TAKE THE CASE!

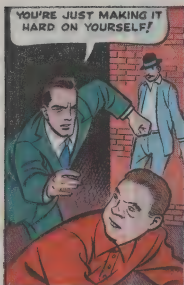












YOU'RE JUST MAKING IT
HARD ON YOURSELF!



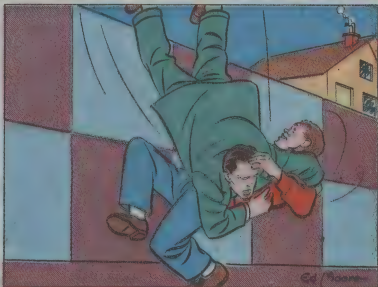
SUDDENLY, THE MAN DROPS IN BART REGAN'S PATH—
AND THE SECRET AGENT HURTTLES OVER HIM!



HOLY SMOKE! TO
THINK I'D FALL FOR
AN OLD STUNT LIKE
THAT—AND I DO
MEAN FALL!



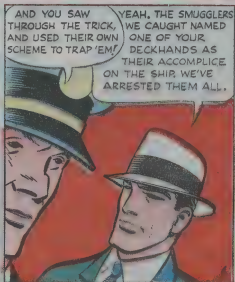
HE'S JUMPING!
—THIS IS MY
ONLY CHANCE TO
GET HIM!!



WATER—ABOARD
THE "LASCAR"—

—AND I'M
STILL IN
THE DARK!

IT'S REALLY SIMPLE,
CAPTAIN! THE SMUGGLER
ON THIS SHIP CUT PIECES OF
CORK FROM THE MISSING LIFE
RINGS, TIED THE OPIUM TINS TO
THE CORK, AND LET THE TIDE
CARRY THE CONTRABAND TO
HIS WAITING CONFEDERATES!



AND YOU SAW
THROUGH THE TRICK,
AND USED THEIR OWN
SCHEME TO TRAP 'EM!

YEAH, THE SMUGGLERS
WE CAUGHT NAMED
ONE OF YOUR
DECKHANDS AS
THEIR ACCOMPLICE
ON THE SHIP, WE'VE
ARRESTED THEM ALL.

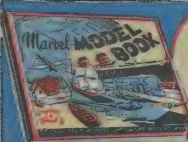


BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S
UP TO YOU TO PAY FOR
A NEW LIFE RING! YOU
HAD BETTER MAKE IT
A RULE THAT ANYONE
WITH SMUGGLING TO
DO HAS TO SUPPLY
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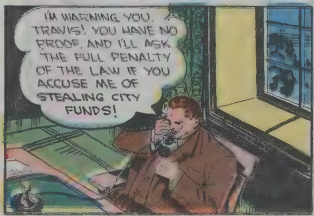
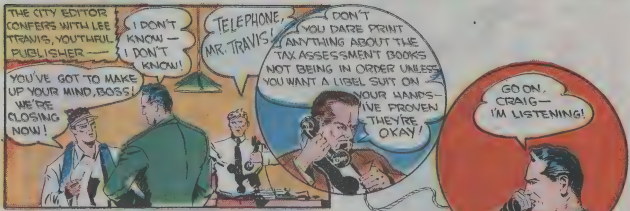
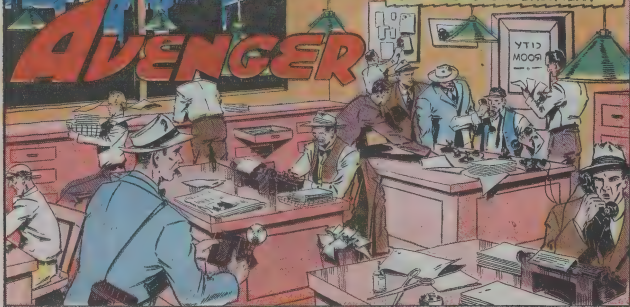
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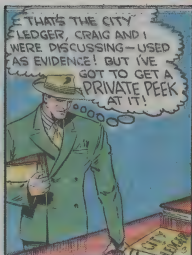
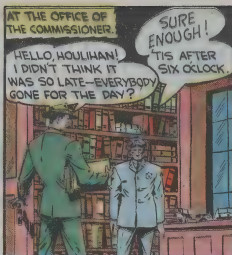
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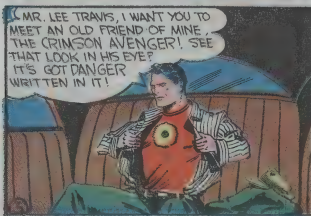
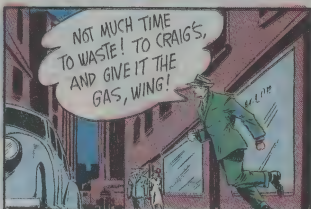
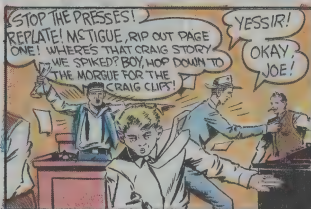
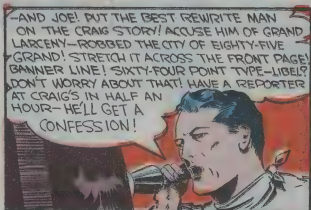
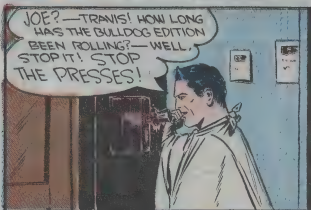
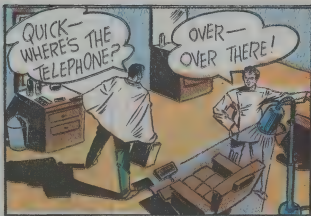
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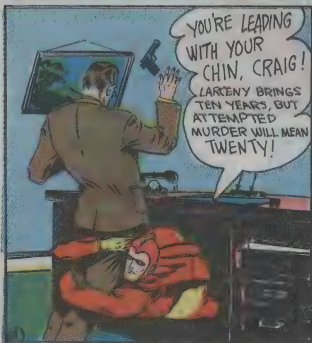
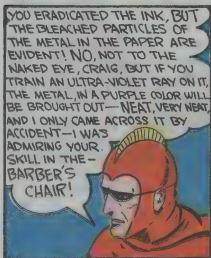
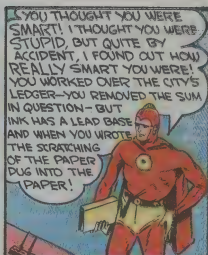
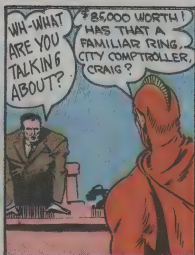
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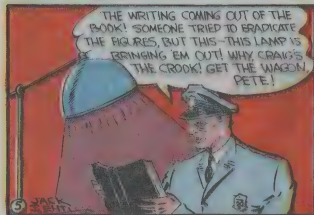
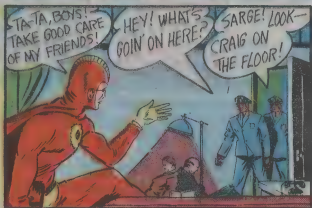
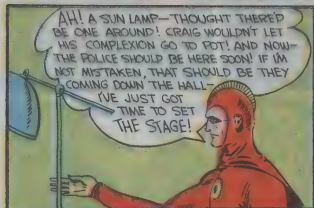
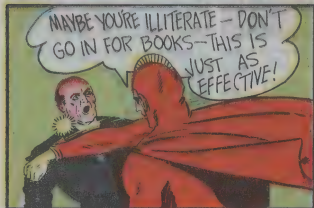
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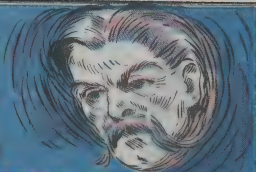
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THAT'S ODD.
THE DOOR'S OPEN.



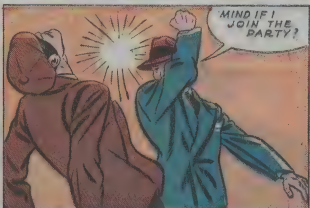
NO ANSWER.
MAYBE JIM'S IN
THE LIBRARY.



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A SCENE FOR A MOVIE?



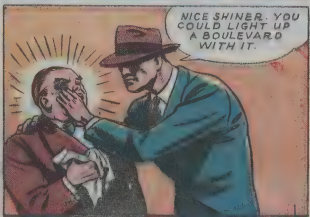
MIND IF I
JOIN THE
PARTY?

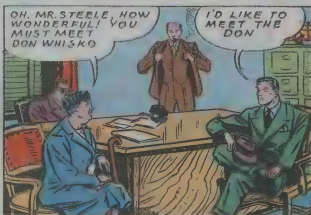
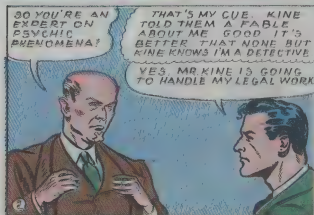
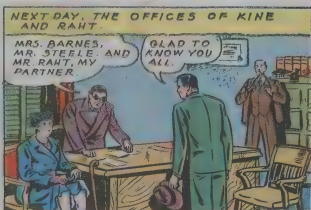
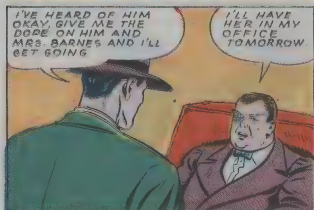
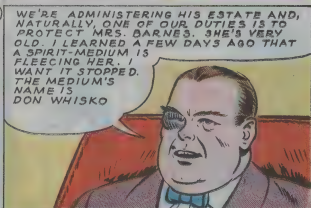
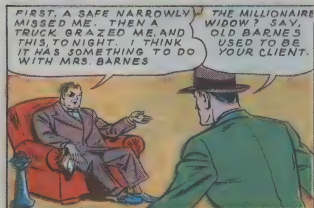
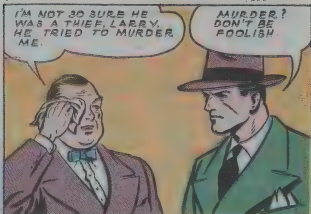
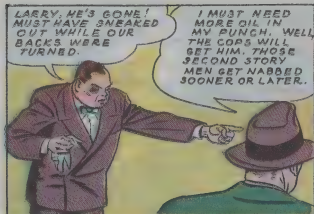


THAT'LL TAKE CARE
OF YOU. NOW TO
SEE WHAT'S WRONG
WITH JIM KINE.



NICE SHINER. YOU
COULD LIGHT UP
A BOULEVARD
WITH IT.





THEN PERHAPS WE CAN ARRANGE A SEANCE FOR TONIGHT. MR. RAHT, WILL YOU ACCOMPANY ME?

SORRY, I'M PREPARING A BRIEF, BUT I'M SURE KINE WOULD GO, WOULDN'T YOU?



YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT SUCH THINGS, AND SO DOES MRS. BARNES. BUT I'LL DO IT.

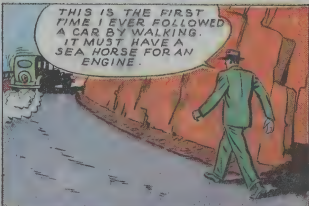
THAT'S TELLING 'EM. SEE YOU TONIGHT.



YOU'D THINK SHE COULD AFFORD A BETTER CAR. WELL, HERE I GO, AS LONG AS I'M BEING PAID FOR BODYGUARDING.

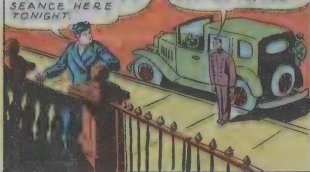


THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I EVER FOLLOWED A CAR BY WALKING. IT MUST HAVE A SEA HORSE FOR AN ENGINE.

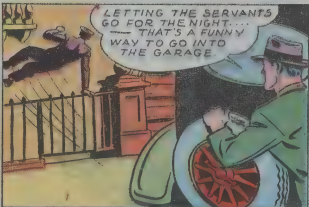


YOU MAY PUT THE CAR AWAY, CHARLES. WE ARE HOLDING A SEANCE HERE TONIGHT.

YES, MA'AM. I'LL DISMISS THE SERVANTS, TOO.



LETTING THE SERVANTS GO FOR THE NIGHT... — THAT'S A FUNNY WAY TO GO INTO THE GARAGE.



CURIOUS, LARRY FOLLOWS THE CHAUFFEUR!

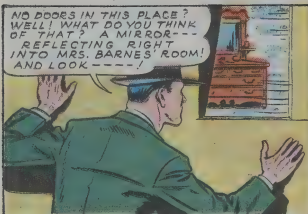
THAT SECRET ENTRANCE MUST LEAD TO A PASSAGEWAY OF SOME SORT.



GOSH! ISN'T IT A LITTLE TOO EARLY FOR BED?

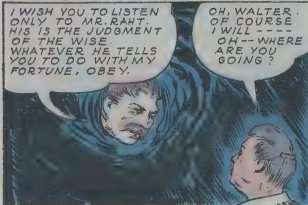


NO DOGS IN THIS PLACE?
WELL! WHAT DO YOU THINK
OF THAT? A MIRROR--
REFLECTING RIGHT
INTO MRS. BARNES' ROOM!
AND LOOK---!



I WISH YOU TO LISTEN
ONLY TO MR. RAHT.
HIS IS THE JUDGMENT
OF THE WISE.
WHATEVER HE TELLS
YOU TO DO WITH MY
FORTUNE, OBEY.

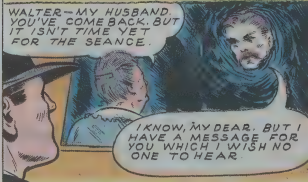
OH, WALTER.
OF COURSE
I WILL---
OH-- WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?



IN THE MISTY ROOM, A FIGURE BEGINS
TO MATERIALIZE.

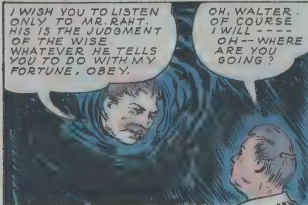
WALTER--MY HUSBAND,
YOU'VE COME BACK, BUT
IT ISN'T TIME YET
FOR THE SEANCE.

I KNOW, MY DEAR. BUT I
HAVE A MESSAGE FOR
YOU WHICH I WISH NO
ONE TO HEAR.

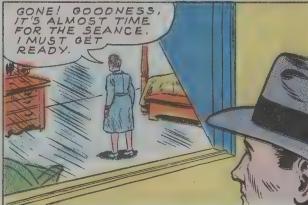


I WISH YOU TO LISTEN
ONLY TO MR. RAHT.
HIS IS THE JUDGMENT
OF THE WISE.
WHATEVER HE TELLS
YOU TO DO WITH MY
FORTUNE, OBEY.

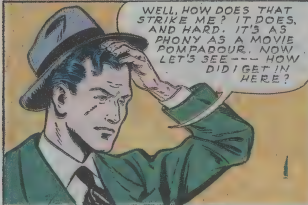
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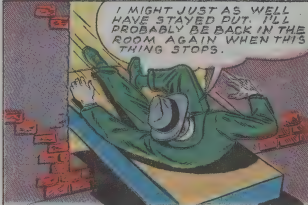
GONE! GOODNESS,
IT'S ALMOST TIME
FOR THE SEANCE.
I MUST GET
READY.



WELL, HOW DOES THAT
STRIKE ME? IT DOES,
AND HARD. IT'S AS
PHONY AS A MOVIE
POMPADOUR. NOW
LET'S SEE--- HOW
DID I GET IN
HERE?



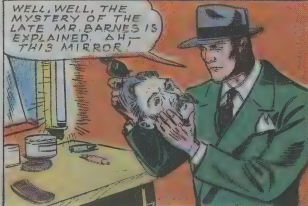
I MIGHT JUST AS WELL
HAVE STAYED PUT. I'LL
PROBABLY BE BACK IN THE
ROOM AGAIN WHEN THIS
THING STOPS.

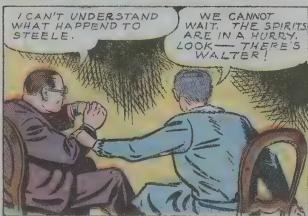
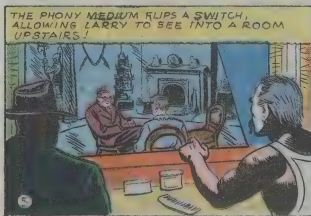
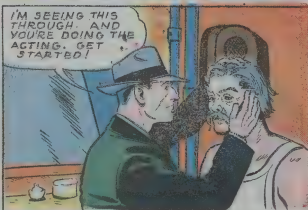
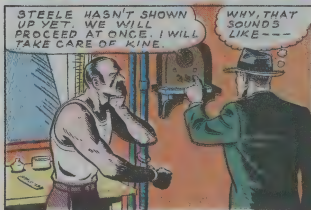
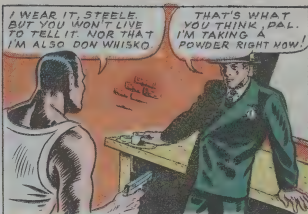
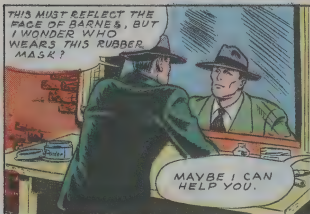


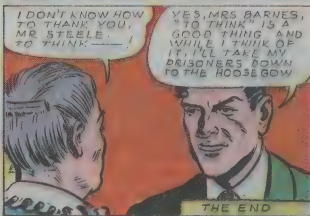
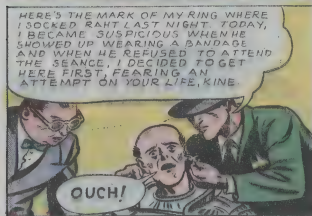
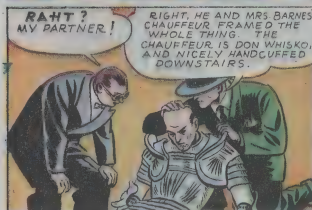
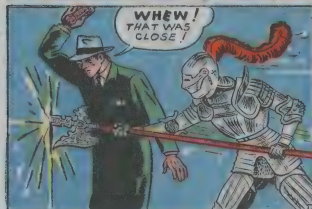
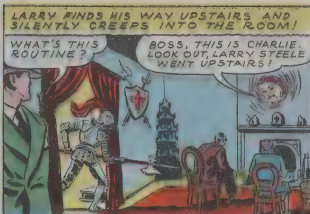
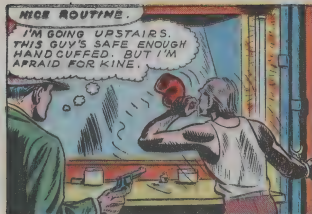
I HOPE THAT NIGHT
DOESN'T TURN OUT
TO BE THE ONE
THAT FAILED.



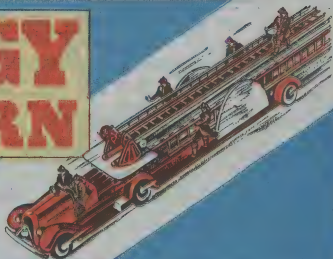
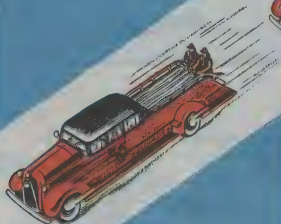
WELL, WELL, THE
MYSTERY OF THE
LATE MR. BARNES IS
EXPLAINED. AH--
THIS MIRROR!







ENERGY TO BURN



THE alarm clangs! A siren screams! Away they go at break-neck speed. There's energy to burn in the throbbing motors of modern fire-fighting equipment...energy drawn from the fuel consumed.

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ACE INVESTIGATOR
AND THE
"MURDER ON THE DIAMOND"

Win

AT THE SPRING TRAINING
CAMP OF THE COUGARS,
SPEED WORKS OUT WITH THE
TEAM FOR EXERCISE...



NICE HIT, ROSS! LOOKS
TO ME AS THOUGH
YOU'LL BE FIRST-STRING
CATCHER WHEN THE
SEASON OPENS ---

HOPE SO!
BIG BILL IS
KINDA
SORE AT ME
THOUGH!



BILL GORDON, THE REGULAR
CATCHER, SPEAKS TO SPEED.

A GOOD MAN, ROSS, BUT I HATE
HIM! HE'S TRIED EVERY SORT
OF TRICK TO GET ME FIRED!



WHY I'M
SURPRISED TO HEAR
THAT
SOUNDS
QUEER.

BUT I WILL SAY, SPEED,
HE'S A GOOD CATCHER--
EXCEPT FOR THE
PESSED BALLS! HE LETS
SOME SLAM INTO HIS
MASK AND PROTECTOR
--EVEN LETS 'EM
HIT THE UMP!



THERE'S
HAD
MISSED
ONE
NOW!

SPEED WALKS OUT TO THE
MOUND TOWARD THE PITCHER.

--SO YOU DON'T
THINK GORDON
IS AS GOOD A
CATCHER AS ROSS!

NOW!



LADY TO
SEE YOU
ROSS!



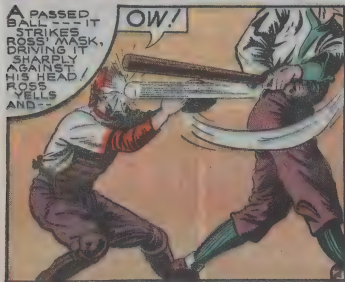
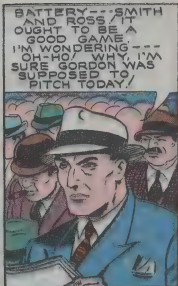
I'LL BE
OUT AS
SOON AS
I'M
DRESSED!

LOOK AT ROSS
TAKING A
RIGHT TO THE
CHIN--FROM
A WOMAN!

I'VE A
FEELING IN
MY BONES,
DOC, THAT
SOMETHING
SERIOUS
WILL HAPPEN
TO ROSS
BEFORE
THE SEASON
IS OVER!



THE TRAINING SEASON IS OVER, AND SPEED RETURNS NORTH AHEAD OF THE COUGARS TO RESUME HIS POLICE DUTIES. BUT -- HE FOLLOWS THE TEAM'S ACTIVITIES IN THE PAPERS. HOWEVER, ONE DAY HE DECIDES TO SEE THEM PLAY A GAME.



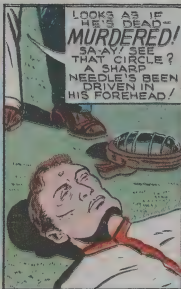
SHUDGERS! HE STAGGERS, BLINDLY, FALLS FORWARD!





HE'S OUT--COLD
THAT BALL
MUST'VE REALLY
SMACKED
HIM **HARD!**

SAY,
DON'T YOU
TOUCH
ANYTHING!



LOOKS AS IF
HE'S DEAD--
MURDERED!
SA--AY! SEE
THAT CIRCLE?
A SHARP
NEEDLE'S BEEN
DRIVEN IN
HIS FOREHEAD!

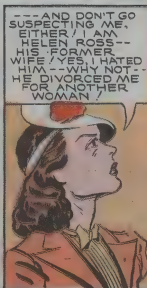


SOMEBODY PLANTED
THIS POISONED
NEEDLE HERE--SOMEONE
WHO WANTED
ROSS OUT OF THE
WAY! IT LOOKS BAD!

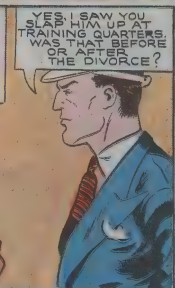


OH, HELLO,
BUT YOU'VE
BEEN WHAT
HAPPENED TO
YOUR FRIEND
ROSS?

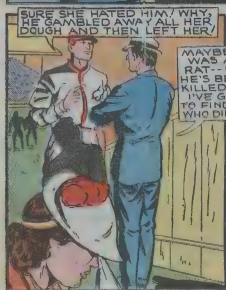
WELL, I'M NOT
SORRY, SPEED.
BUT DON'T YOU GO
TRYING TO PIN
ANYTHING ON ME!
YOU COULDN'T
SUCCEED IN PROVING
YOUR ACCUSATIONS!



---AND DON'T GO
SUSPECTING ME,
EITHER! I AM
HELEN ROSS--
HIS FORMER
WIFE / YES, I HATED
HIM--WHY NOT--
HE DIVORCED ME
FOR ANOTHER
WOMAN!



YES, I SAW YOU
SLAP HIM UP AT
TRAINING QUARTERS.
WAS THAT BEFORE
OR AFTER
THE DIVORCE?



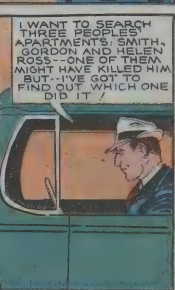
SURE SHE HATED HIM! WHY,
HE GAMBOLED AWAY ALL HER
DOUGH AND THEN LEFT HER!

MAYBE HE
WAS A
RAT-- BUT
HE'S BEEN
KILLED AND
I'VE GOT
TO FIND OUT
WHO DID IT!



THE STADIUM IS WELL
SURROUNDED AND
WILL STAY THAT WAY
UNTIL THE CORONER AND
POLICE PHOTOGRAPHERS
GET ALL THROUGH!

GOOD
WORK,
CLANCY!
GOOD!



I WANT TO SEARCH
THREE PEOPLE'S
APARTMENTS: SMITH,
GORDON AND HELEN
ROSS--ONE OF THEM
MIGHT HAVE KILLED HIM
BUT--I'VE GOT TO
FIND OUT WHICH ONE
DID IT!



SPEED ENTERS
SMITH'S APARTMENT.

FIRST,
SPEEDBALL
SMITH
WITH HIS
CONTROL,
HOW HE
THREW SUCH
A WILD PITCH!



PLAYING CARDS
ALL OVER
THE PLACE/
HE AND ROSS
SURE LIKED
TO GAMBLE.



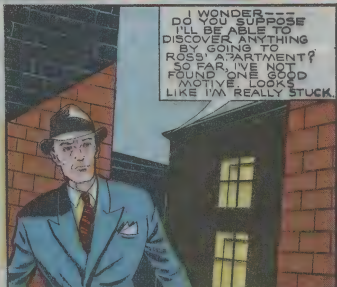
NEXT ON THE LIST, BIG BILL
GORDON'S HOME....

NOTHING HERE
THAT LOOKS
SUSPICIOUS!

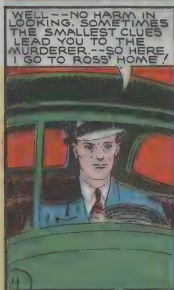


AND IN THE APARTMENT
OF HELEN ROSS.....

SHE LOVED ROSS,
ALL RIGHT, HIS
PICTURE'S ON
HER VANITY TABLE.
JEALOUSY HAS BEEN
A MOTIVE
FOR MURDER
BEFORE--IT
COULD BE
AGAIN!



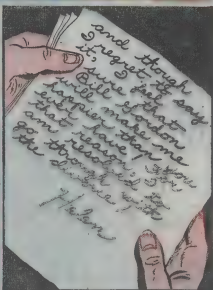
I WONDER--
DO YOU SUPPOSE
I'LL BE ABLE TO
DISCOVER ANYTHING
BY GOING TO
ROSS' APARTMENT?
SO FAR, I'VE NOT
FOUND ONE GOOD
MOTIVE. LOOKS
LIKE I'M REALLY STUCK.



WELL--NO HARM IN
LOOKING. SOMETIMES
THE SMALLEST CLUES
LEAD YOU TO THE
MURDERER.--SO HERE
I GO TO ROSS' HOME!



HELLO/ANOTHER
PHOTO--THIS TIME, IT'S
ONE OF HELEN. THOSE
TWO MUST HAVE
CARED A GREAT
DEAL FOR EACH
OTHER--WHY,
HERE'S A
LETTER!



and though
I regret to say
it, I feel
sure that
Bill Gordon
will make me
happier than I
could have
that reason,
go through it
the thorough way
Helen

ROSS WOULDN'T GRANT
A DIVORCE / GORDON
OR--HELEN ROSS--
EITHER ONE
MIGHT HAVE KILLED
HIM TO GET EVEN!



IN THE COUGAR'S
LOCKER ROOM.

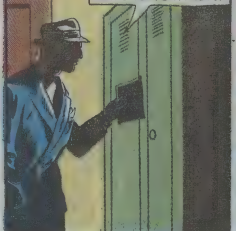
THIS REQUIRES
SOME THOUGHT.
MAYBE ROSS.
LOCKER WILL
HOLD A CLUE.



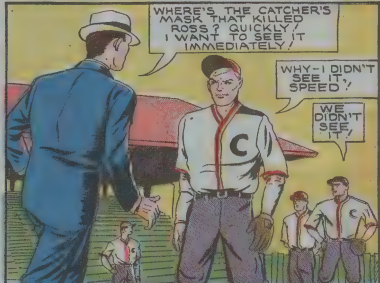
LET'S SEE / ROSS
HAD LOCKER
19 --YES, I'M SURE,
THAT'S RIGHT --19!



NOTHING AT
ALL / NOTHING.
UNLESS-- SAY /
AN ORDER FOR A
CATCHER'S MASK!



WHERE'S THE CATCHER'S
MASK THAT KILLED
ROSS? QUICKLY!
I WANT TO SEE IT
IMMEDIATELY!



WHY--I DIDN'T
SEE IT,
SPEED!

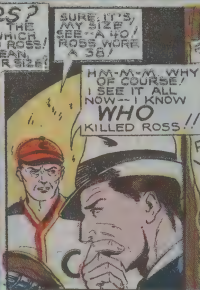
WE
DIDN'T
SEE
IT!

THIS MUST BE
WHAT YOU'RE
LOOKING FOR--
SPEED, BUT IT'S
MY MASK--I
NOT ROSS!



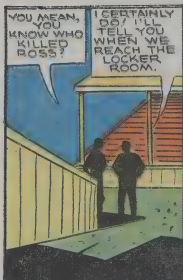
YOURS?
THAT'S THE
MASK WHICH
KILLED ROSS!
YOU MEAN,
IT'S YOUR SIZE!

SURE, IT'S
MY SIZE!
SEE--A 40!
ROSS WORE
A 38!



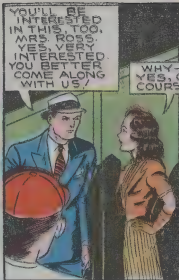
HM--M--M WHY
OF COURSE!
I SEE IT ALL
NOW--I KNOW
WHO
KILLED ROSS!!

**WHO
KILLED
CATCHER
ROSS?**
FROM THE
PRECEDING CLUES,
YOU SHOULD BE
ABLE TO DEDUCE
WHO THE KILLER
IS! TRY TO
GUESS BEFORE!
TURNING PAGE!



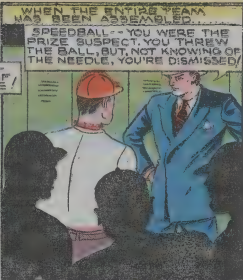
YOU MEAN, YOU KNOW WHO KILLED ROSS?

I CERTAINLY DO! I'LL TELL YOU WHEN WE REACH THE LOCKER ROOM.



YOU'LL BE INTERESTED IN THIS, TOO. MRS. ROSS, YES, VERY INTERESTED YOU BETTER COME ALONG WITH US!

WHY-- YES, OF COURSE!



WHEN THE ENTIRE TEAM HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED.

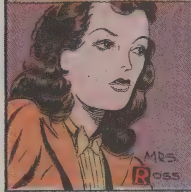
SPEEDBALL-- YOU WERE THE PRIZE SUSPECT. YOU THREW THE BALL, BUT, NOT KNOWING OF THE NEEDLE, YOU'RE DISMISSED!

MRS. ROSS, YOU HATED --AND LOVED--YOUR HUSBAND, STRANGE AS THAT MAY SEEM! HE WOULD NOT GIVE YOU A DIVORCE, LETTING YOU MARRY BILL GORDON. YOU HAD A MOTIVE, BUT, BEING A WOMAN, YOU WERE UNABLE TO INSERT THE POISON NEEDLE. SO-- THAT LETS YOU OUT! NOW FOR YOU, BILL GORDON---

IF YOU THINK I DID IT, YOU'RE CRAZY, SPEED. I'VE TOLD YOU I'M INNOCENT!

I KNOW YOU DIDN'T! RELAX, WILL YOU?

ROSS HATED YOU BECAUSE YOU LOVED HELEN! HE WAS MAD ENOUGH TO WANT TO KILL YOU! HE ORDERED A MASK YOUR SIZE! HE DIRTIED IT UP, SO'S IT WOULD LOOK USED AND OLD. THEN HE INSERTED THE POISONED NEEDLE. HAD YOU CAUGHT TODAY, YOU'D BE DEAD!



MRS. ROSS



BILL GORDON

BUT, YOU, DOC DECKER, AS MANAGER, SUBSTITUTED ROSS! IN THE CONFUSION, ROSS TOOK THE MASK DESTINED FOR BIG BILL! IN ALL OF THE EXCITEMENT OF THE GAME, HE FAILED TO NOTICE THAT IT WAS TOO LARGE FOR HIM. HE MISSED THE BALL AND--

BY SO DOING, SAVED BIG BILL'S LIFE AND SAVED THE STATE THE EXPENSE OF TRYING AND CONVICTING HIM OF MURDER!



DOC DECKER



MATCH YOUR WITS WITH SPEED SAUNDERS IN A THRILLING MURDER MYSTERY EVERY MONTH IN DETECTIVE COMICS!

YOUNG
AMERICA'S
HERO!

CLIFF CROSBY



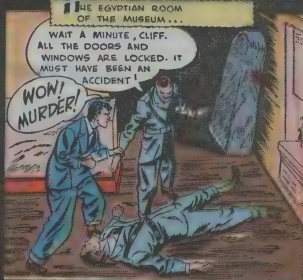
IN A STATE MUSEUM, A MUMMY WALKS AND KILLS! STEALTHY FEET IN THE NIGHT! DEAD HANDS ROB AND SLAY! A KING, DEAD FOR HUNDREDS OF CENTURIES, COMES TO LIFE!

CLYDE

THE EGYPTIAN ROOM OF THE MUSEUM...

WAIT A MINUTE, CLIFF. ALL THE DOORS AND WINDOWS ARE LOCKED. IT MUST HAVE BEEN AN ACCIDENT!

WOW! MURDER!



ACCIDENT? NOT ON YOUR LIFE! DO YOU THINK HE CUT HIS NECK FROM BEHIND?

A SEARCH OF THE MUSEUM PROVES FRUITLESS....

NOBODY IN THE BUILDING EXCEPT US!

AND WE HAVEN'T OPENED THE DOORS TO THE PUBLIC.

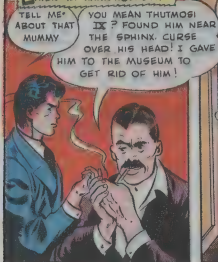
I CHECKED ON THE WINDOWS. THEY'RE OKAY!

MAYBE HANK HOLT'S MUMMY DID IT! YOU KNOW, GHOSTS AND SUCH!

YEAH! YOU ALWAYS JOKE. MUMMIES! HANK JUST FOUND HIS IN THE VALLEY OF THE SPHINX. SAID THERE WAS A CURSE OVER IT! C'MON!



LATER—AT HANK HOLT'S...

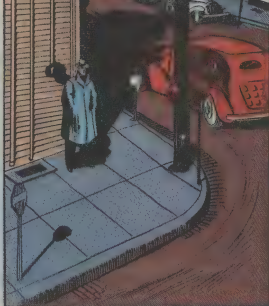
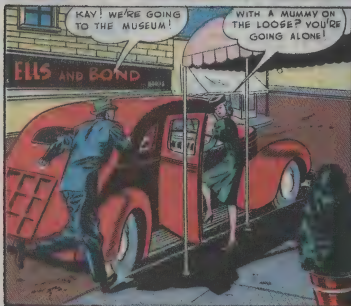


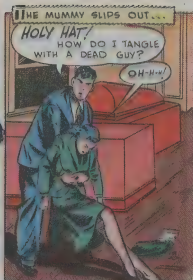
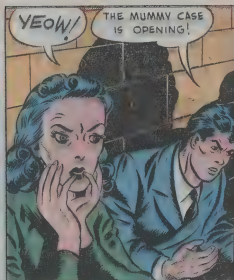
COULD THAT CURSE REALLY KILL A MAN?

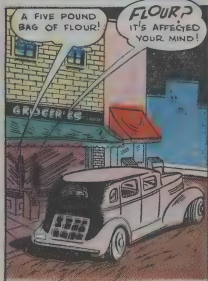
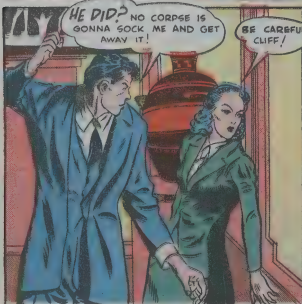
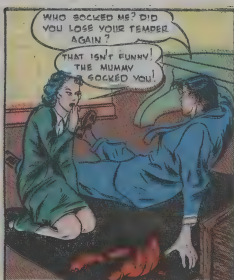
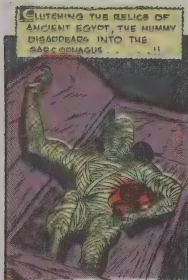
REMEMBER TUTAN-KHAMEN'S TOMBS? NEARLY ALL WHO ENTERED IT DIED!

DON'T BE SUCH A SOFTY!

NEVER MIND! I STILL HAVE A STORY TO DO ON THAT CROOK, SHORTY JONES, WHO ESCAPED FROM PRISON!









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It pays to keep a promise. At first Ken Thatcher didn't think so, but he does now. It happened up in the north country several years ago, a few miles outside Dawson. The snowfall had been heavy that year.

In his cabin Ken Thatcher buttoned his heavy parka. His dark brows were frowning as he studied his face in the mirror that hung over the sink. He saw a face lined by the rigors of five long winters in this Alaskan wilderness, a bushy, black beard that fell down over his broad chest. That beard was not his from choice. He well remembered why it came to be there.

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It was five years ago that he had made that promise. Five years is a long time, but he remembered as though it were yesterday: the big house and the scene that occurred there.

He was just out of college, anxious to go into the big steel industry that his father had built up from a few shacks on the Monongehela River. But his twin brother Edwin stepped in and, with the hand of fate, changed the course of his life.

Edwin gambled a lot. One night Edwin shot and killed a man and came running from the gambling den just as he was passing by.

He could not let his brother down. He told him to run one way, while he ran the other. He did not think it was a crime, helping a murderer to escape. It was his brother who was in danger. That was all he could think of. He led the police a long chase and managed to elude them. He returned to his father's home to find Edwin there ahead of him.

Edwin accused him of the murder!

Standing before his father, his



brother pointed a finger at him, and shouted, "You killed him. I saw you!"

"Kenneth!" said his father. "You must leave this house at once. I will give you money."

Then came that black rage in which he had sworn:

"I'll go, and I'll never come back. I forsake you. I wish I did not look so much like you, Edwin. I can't change my face, but I will grow a beard to cover it so that none will know me as a Thatcher!"

He had grown the beard on his long trip through Canada on horseback. He had not shaved it off, though often tempted. No, he thought savagely, if my father thought I murdered a man, and my brother was coward enough to accuse me to save himself, I never want to look like either one of them again!

In these past five years he had had luck, striking that gold mine. He worked hard, and every once in a while walked many miles into town for a few day's vacation. A vacation was due him now.

He opened the door and stepped out of the cabin. He strapped on his skis and started off at a rapid pace.

He travelled swiftly across the white wastes of the northland. He dropped down the flank of Big Barney Mountain at sixty miles an hour on his hickory skis. He was going so fast he did not see the men until they rose up right in front of him with levelled rifles.

He dug his ski-poles into the snow and slithered in a flurry to a full stop.

"Hello! What's wrong?"

Marshall Jim Nolan came running up from the cabin that lay to one side of the worn trail.

"I should have been here when you came through. The boys have nervous trigger fingers. There's a killer coming up the trail. Ought to be due here now. He's coming from Dawson."

"Oh, so that's it."

He didn't say that he was thinking of that murder charge that lay against his name back in the States. No one up here knew he was THAT Thatcher!

He went into the cabin with Marshall Nolan, who poured him some coffee.

"Those boys out there are shooting on sight since this mad-man killed one of their members last week at Beaver Pass. They've got pictures of him. Soon as a man passes that looks like—hello!"

A salvo of rifles rang loud and clear in the cold air. Both men leaped to their feet. The Marshall was a little ahead of him and Thatcher could see a huddled shape in the snow as he ran.

The riflemen turned over the still figure. Ken went cold and

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white when he saw the man's face. It was his own face that stared up at him! His own? No, not his, but—

"What's his name?" he asked Nolan.

"Thatcher. Bad egg. Killed a gambler a few years ago. Blamed it on his brother who ran away. Some weeks ago he killed another. It all came out then. Fingerprints on the gun."

Kenneth Thatcher shuddered. If he had broken that promise he made years ago and shaved off that bushy, black beard it would have been HIM lying on the ground there. Fate was good to him.

It rewarded him for keeping his promise.

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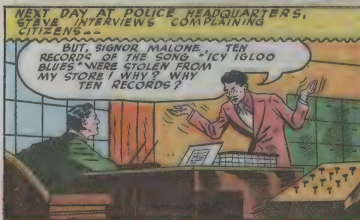
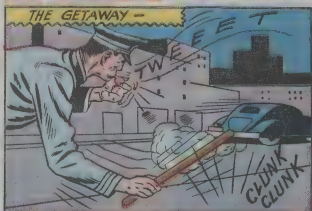
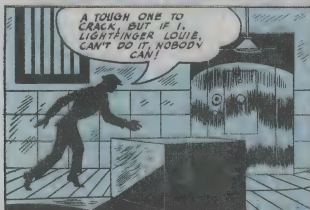
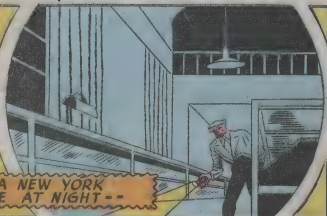
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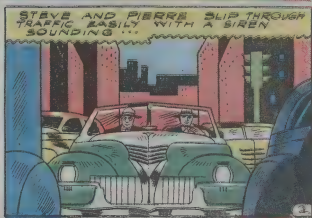
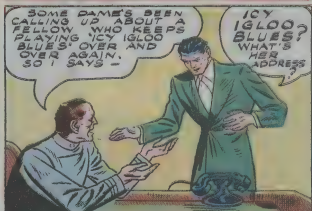
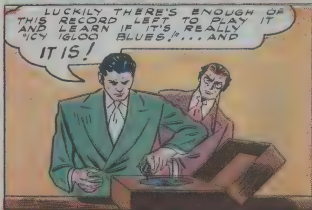
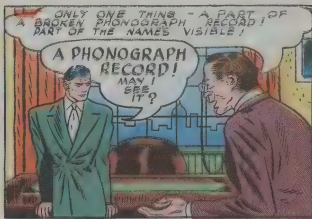
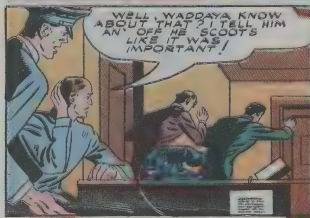
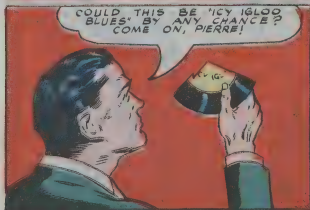
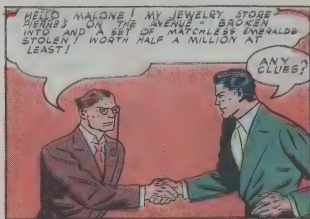
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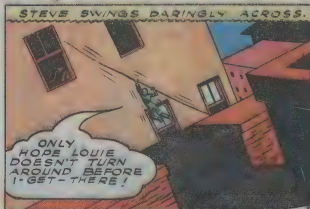
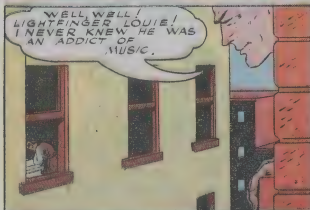
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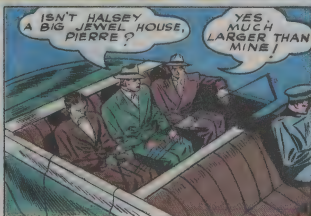
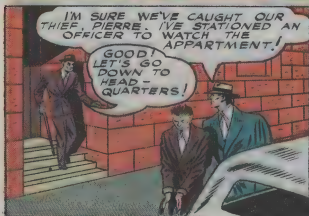
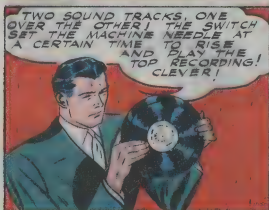
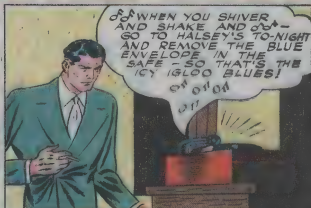
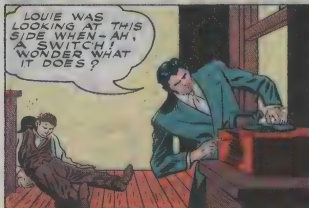
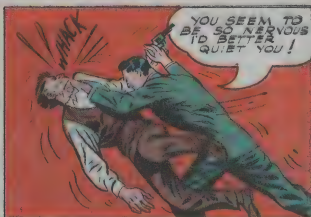
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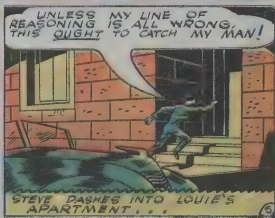
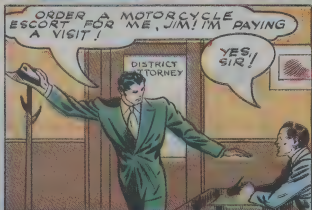
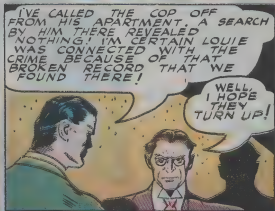
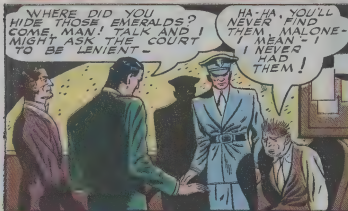
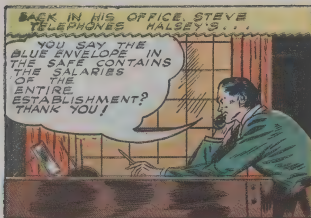
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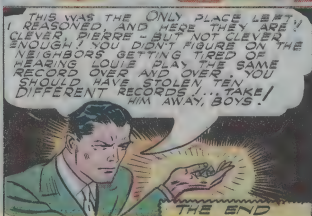
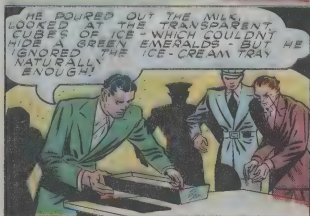
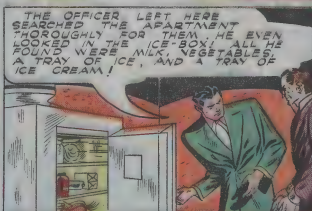
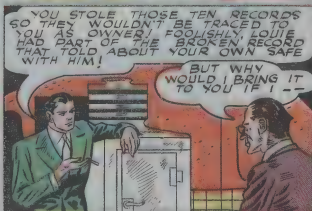
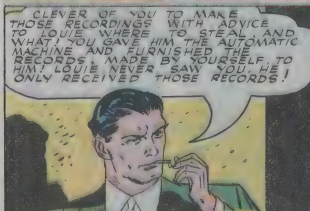
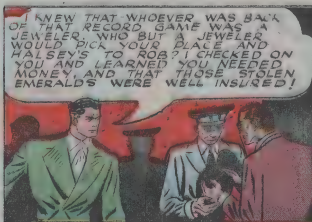
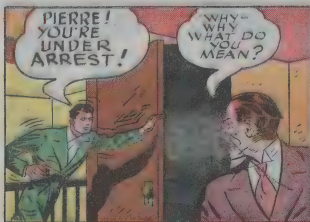










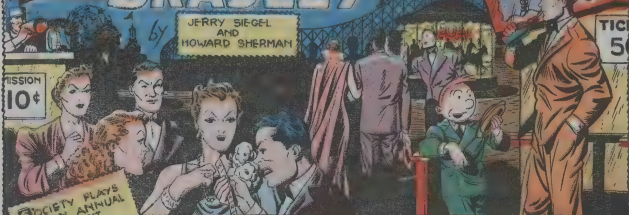


SLAM

BRADLEY

by JERRY SIEGEL
AND
HOWARD SHERMAN

SLAM BRADLEY, PRIVATE
DETECTIVE, AND HIS PAL,
SHORTY MORGAN, ARE
GUARDING SOCIALITES AS
THEY THROW A CHARITY
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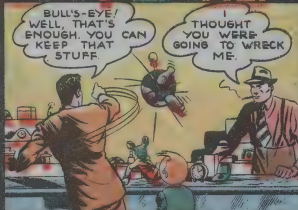
SOCIETY PLAYS
AT AN ANNUAL
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WHAT
A MAN?
WHO IS HE?

IT'S
SLAM BRADLEY,
THE DETECTIVE!
LOOK AT THAT
AIM.

BULL'S-EYE!
WELL, THAT'S
ENOUGH. YOU CAN
KEEP THAT
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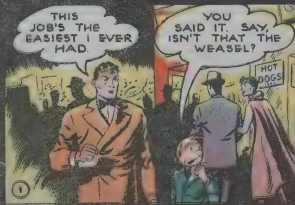
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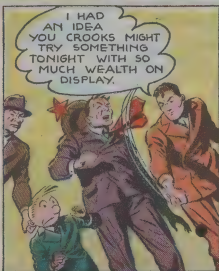


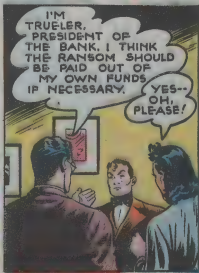
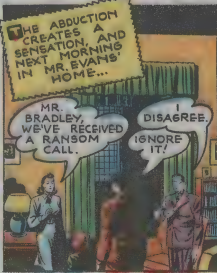
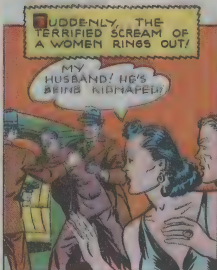
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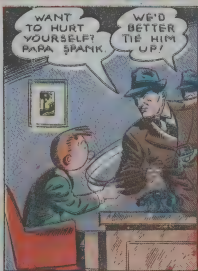
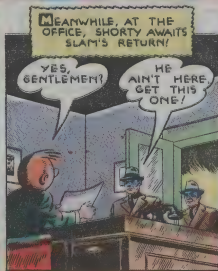
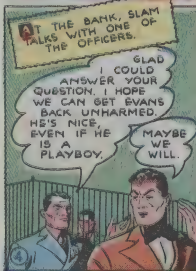
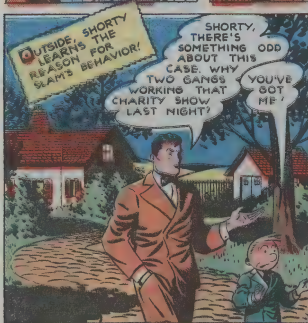
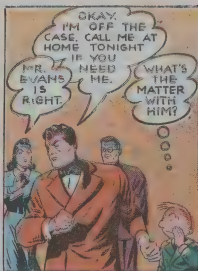
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SAID IT. SAY,
ISN'T THAT THE
WEASEL?

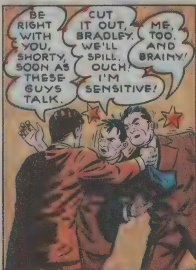
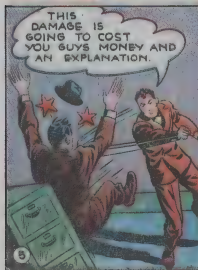
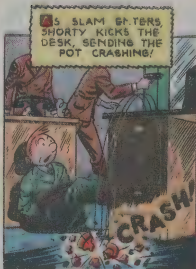
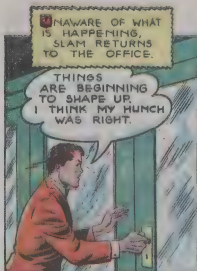
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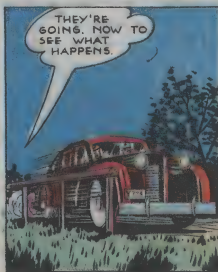
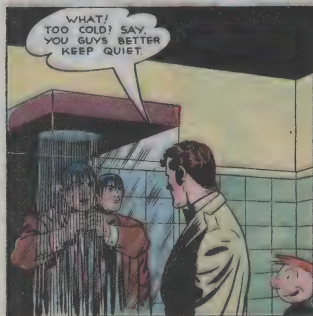
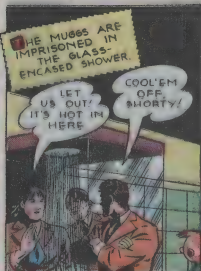
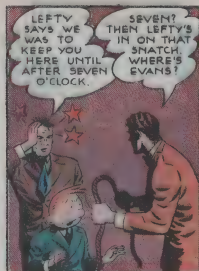


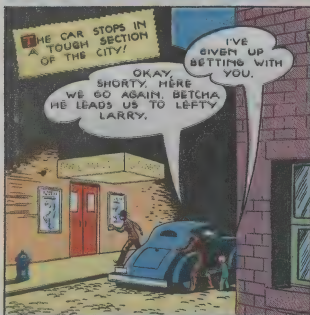
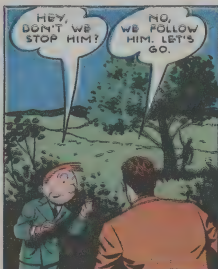
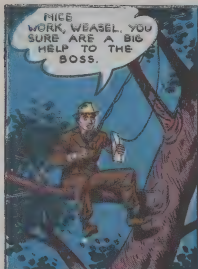


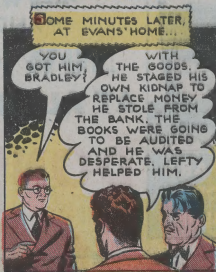












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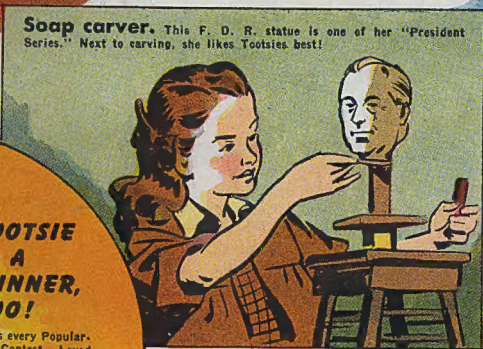
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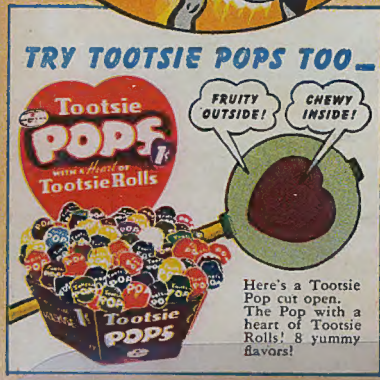
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